[*Translation*]

Man-made polyester yarn and Nylon Factories

4500. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of man-made polyester yarn and nylon factories registered during the last three years;

(b) the installed capacity of those factories and the annual production thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to put an end to the monopoly of the factory-owners and to make the yarns available to the weavers at a genuine price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Far Eastern Bureau Hostel for working Women

4501 SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI VIYAYKUMAR YADAV:
SHRI MADANLAL KHURANA:
SHRI M.V. CHARDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Working girls" hostel sans safety" appearing in the Statesman of November 25, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the Far Eastern Bureau Hostel for Working Women at Kasturba Gandhi Marg is in dilapidated condition and there is inadequate security;

(c) whether representations have been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the steps taken to construct a high boundary wall to remove security hazards;

(e) the other steps taken to improve the general condition of the Hostel;

(f) whether a public telephone is installed inside the Hostel premisses which gives an excuse to the outsiders to enter the Hostel; and

(g) If so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e). Yes Sir, The building was constructed during 1943-44 as war time accommodation with specification of temporary structures. The Blocks were however strengthened during 1984-85 and are structurally sound and are persently in proper habitable condition due to the regular maintenance done by CPWD. As regards security there is a proposal to raise the parts of the compound wall around the campus for better security.

(f) and (g). Yes, Sir. Public Telephone installed inside the Hostel is for the bonafide use of the occupants of the Hostel and no outsider/visitor is allowed to us the facility of public telephone.

Investment in Public Sector in Eighth Plan

4502. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKERJEE:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investment outlay for the public sector in the Eighth Plan is likely to be reduced;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. The amount of Public sector outlay for the Eighth five Year Plan (1992-97) is not projected to be lower than in the Seventh Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign equity

4503. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated the details of procedures for increasing foreign equity, preferential share allocation and share valuation in the case of foreign investors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). In pursuance of the decision contained in para 39 B of the Statement on Industrial Policy tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 24th July, 1991. Government have laid down the procedure for increase in foreign equity upto 51% in existing companies having some foreign equity holding, requirement for preferential share allocation and issue of shares and share valuation vide Ministry of Industry's Press Note No. 17 (1991 Series) dated 19th November, 1991. Copies of this Press Note have been made available to the Parliament Library.

Investment by N.R.Is.

4504. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the State Government have entered into agreements with some Non-resident Indians to establish industries in their respective States during the last two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of financial participation of foreign investors;

(d) whether the Union Government also proposed to participate financially in these ventures; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (e). No proposal has been received by the Ministry of Industry for consideration by the Special Approval Committee (NRI) from any State Government for setting up joint venture projects with NRI participation.

Conversion of Lease Hold Right to Free Hold in Chandigarh

4505 SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 28 on November 20,1991 and state:

(a) whether orders for conversion of lease-hold right into free-hold have been issued for Chandigarh also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and